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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/17/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/10/04
BRO-FRY	162,400	156,475
LT HENS	1,664	1,310
HVY HENS	1,322	1,482

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 27-Dec-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	88	7	95
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	192	4	196
SAME WEEK YR AGO	101	0	101
TO-DATE/2003	10,971	159	11,130
TO-DATE/2002	15,401	301	15,702

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,006	815	1,821
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,532	1,513	3,045
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,068	678	1,746
TO-DATE/2003	83,866	72,278	156,144
TO-DATE/2002	104,841	73,116	177,957

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 10-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570
AVG WT	5.17	3.43	8.08	5.80
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	134,816	1,118	898	2,016
SAME WK YR AGO	152,541	1,736	1,413	3,149
AVG WT	5.11	3.32	7.75	5.36
TO-DATE/2003	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570
TO-DATE/2002	152,541	1,736	1,413	3,149

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.5 million head or 93% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-2004**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	18,409	23,913	39,165
Avg Weight	3.88	4.65	6.26
% of total /1	23%	29%	48%

COMPARISONS

Last week	20,542	19,674	27,559
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.27
% of total /1	30%	29%	41%

Same week, yr ago /2	19,242	18,030	38,654
Avg Weight	3.79	4.70	6.04
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%

To date/2003	1,219,417	1,265,410	2,308,946
To date/2002	*1,309,674*	*1,150,411*	*2,115,186*

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

* Due to 53 weeks in 2003, year to date for 2002 unchanged from last week.*

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 10-Jan-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,659	2,403	67	5	4,134
AVG WT	16.10	38.03	24.97	34.38	29.01
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,347	1,786	17	13	3,163
SAME WK YR AGO	1,774	2,609	76	19	4,478
AVG WT	15.24	38.76	26.55	29.20	29.27
TO-DATE/2003	1,659	2,403	67	5	4,134
TO-DATE/2002	1,774	2,609	76	19	4,478

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